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Notice CMA-50

**For:** CMA's, LSA's, and State and County Offices, Except AK, HI, and PR

**Startup of 2000 Crop Year Automated CMA Process**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

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**Background**

The automated CMA process provides CMA's and LSA's with producer:

- eligibility data
- payment limitations (PLM's).

Given the potential for another large volume of market gain activity during the 2000 crop year, the 2000 crop year CMA process shall **start up** the week of July 10, 2000.

This July startup will:

- assist CMA's and LSA's to:
  - monitor **2000** crop year PLM's
  - make needed **2000** crop year PLM adjustments
  - correct eligibility discrepancies
- be standard operating procedure for future crop years.

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**Disposal**

October 1, 2000

**Distribution**

State Offices, except AK, HI, and PR; State Offices relay to County Offices and FAX to CMA's

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#### B

##### Purpose

This notice provides CMA's, LSA's, and State and County Offices with:

- an important policy change for 2000 crop year LDP eligibility
  - important startup information for the 2000 crop year CMA process
  - software changes related to the CMA process
  - information about:
    - making data submissions
    - the CMA process output file.
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### 2 2000 Crop Year Loan and LDP Eligibility

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##### General Eligibility

**Before** issuing 2000 crop year loans and LDP's, CMA's and LSA's shall review general loan and LDP eligibility requirements in 1-CMA, Parts 1 and 2.

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#### B

##### Revised LDP Eligibility Policy for Contract Commodities

AMTA contract commodities are:

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|---------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| • wheat | • grain sorghum | • oats | • upland cotton |
| • corn  | • barley        | • rice |                 |

For LDP's **only**, 2000 crop year policy has been revised to allow AMTA contract commodities produced on farms **not** covered by PFC's to be eligible for LDP. These LDP requests must be made in the normal manner before beneficial interest is lost, and all other eligibility requirements must be met.

**Important:** For **loans**, 2000 crop year policy remains **unchanged**, contract commodities must be produced on farms covered by PFC's to be eligible for loan.

**Before** issuing 2000 crop year LDP's, CMA's and LSA's shall:

- review revised LDP eligibility policy provided in **Notice LP-1744**
  - ensure that all **other** eligibility requirements are met according to 1-CMA.
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##### **Distributing LDP Proceeds**

The policy for distributing LDP proceeds is **unchanged**. According to 1-CMA, subparagraph 34 B, LDP proceeds for any quantity in a pool from LDP shall be distributed to members participating in the pool within 15 workdays.

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### 3 2000 Crop Year Name and Address File (NAM) Update for Inactive CMA Members

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##### **NAM Update**

For the 2000 crop year:

- NAM will be updated for inactive CMA members by removing the CMA/LSA as a county from the multi-county files
  - as applicable, PLM's will be redistributed to the remaining counties.
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### 4 2000 Crop Year Automatic PLM Revisions

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##### **Setting 2000 Crop Year PLM's**

To help alleviate PLM work in control County Offices, software provided in County Release No. 435/436 performs an automatic one-time edit of price support PLM's for the 2000 crop year. This will automatically "set" 2000 crop year PLM's at their 1999 crop year levels divided in half.

For a more detailed explanation of the process, see **Notice PL-96**.

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### 5 2000 Crop Year Reporting of Offset for Claims Flags

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##### **Offset Flags**

The CMA process is being enhanced for the 2000 crop year to more accurately report when a previously reported Offset for Claims flag no longer exists.

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## 6 Making Submissions for the 2000 Crop Year CMA Process

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### A

#### Making Submissions and Requesting Assistance

**CMA's must** submit input file records for producers who:

- have signed a 2000 crop year marketing agreement
- are expected to sign a 2000 crop year marketing agreement.

**LSA's must** submit input file records for producers who are expected to request loans and LDP's on the 2000 crop cotton.

**Important:** CMA's and LSA's shall immediately begin regular 2000 crop year submissions, the first of which is due by 10:00 a.m. c.t., **Tuesday, July 11, 2000**. See 1-CMA, paragraphs 39 through 42, and paragraphs 162 through 179 for specific information about making submissions.

**Help Desk:** CMA's and LSA's can seek technical assistance by calling FSA's **National Help Desk**, using a touch tone phone, at **800-255-2434**, and first select option "1" for "telecommunications", and then select option "2" for "BBS":

- to verify that the CMA or LSA system is functional with BBS
  - whenever experiencing trouble transmitting files through BBS.
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### B

#### Preparing Files for Submission to BBS

CMA process submission files, according to 1-CMA, paragraph 179:

- is zipped transmission file named "KCXXXBBS.000" where "XXX" is assigned CMA or LSA alpha code and "000" is sequential transmission ID number
  - is transmitted to KC-ITSDO via BBS according to 1-CMA, Part 7
  - contains:
    - input file named "CMAssccc.MB1" where "ssccc" is the State and County code assigned to the CMA or LSA
    - control file named "CMAssccc.MB4" where "ssccc" is the State and County code assigned to the CMA or LSA.
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#### C

##### Record Format of Input File

The “CMAssccc.MB1” input file:

- provides KC-ITSDO information to process producer eligibility and PLM data
- shall be formatted according to 1-CMA, subparagraph 176 C
- shall be submitted according to this notice, **must** include “00” in Field [8], crop year.

Input files shall be in the following format.

Field No.	Contents	Begin	Length	Data Type
1	Record status	1	1	Char
2	CMA or LSA State code	2	2	Char
3	CMA or LSA County code	4	3	Char
4	Crop code	7	4	Char
5	State code of administrative County Office	11	2	Char
6	County code of administrative County Office	13	3	Char
7	Producer's ID number	16	9	Char
8	Crop year	25	2	Char
9	Farm Serial Number (to delete records only)	27	7	Char
10	Filler	34	10	

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##### Requesting Producer Eligibility

CMA’s and LSA’s shall follow the instructions in the table according to 1-CMA, subparagraphs 177 A and B to complete the input file.

**Important:** For partnerships, joint ventures, or corporations, CMA’s and LSA’s shall submit the “parent” ID number in the input file, **not** the individual “component” member ID’s. The CMA process will return applicable eligibility and PLM information for each “component” member of the “parent” through the output file.

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##### Record Format of Control

The “CMAssccc.MB4” control file:

##### Record File

- provides KC-ITSDO a count of the records submitted in the input file
- shall be created according to 1-CMA, paragraph 178.

The record format of the control record file is as follows.

Field No.	Contents	Begin	Length	Data Type
1	State code of CMA or LSA	1	2	Char
2	County code of CMA or LSA	3	3	Char
3	Filler	6	1	
4	Number of records in input file	7	7	Char
5	Filler	14	1	
6	Date input file was prepared <b>Example:</b> yyyy/mm/dd	15	10	Char

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### 7 Current and Future 2000 Crop Year CMA Process Output Files

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#### A

##### Current Status

See 1-CMA, paragraphs 184 and 185 for information about output files.

The first 2000 crop year automated CMA process output File will be available:

- for download through BBS on **Friday, July 14, 2000**
  - only if an input file was submitted according to subparagraph 6 A.
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#### B

##### Future Plan

As a means of providing CMA’s and LSA’s with more timely PLM’s from the Subsidiary File process that runs at the end of each week, the CMA process is being revised to make future 2000 crop year output files available for download through BBS after 2 p.m. c.t., each **Monday** after the CMA process runs.

PSD and KC-ITSDO shall make every effort to provide this change timely to be beneficial for the 2000 crop year.

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